ZOOLOGICAL NOTES.

NOTE ON THE HOMALOPSIDÆ IN THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTION.

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In August last I had the pleasure of examining a good part of the Society's collection of reptiles, and among them the specimens (six in number) of the Homalopsidæ, described in No. I of the Society's Journal by the Rev. F. Dreckmann. The specimens were correctly referred to the Homalopside. but were not assigned to any group evidently owing to the difference in the number of scales round the body. The other characters agreed quite with those of the genus Ferania, and I had no hesitation in identifying the specimens as Ferania Sieboldi, (Schbg.,) on finding that the specific characters of the only species known also agreed. When Dr. Gray founded the genus Ferania (Zool. Misc., p. 67), he had but a single specimen from Province Wellesley in Bengal, and one with only twenty-seven series of scales round the body. Lieutenant Barnes has done good service in unearthing several more specimens, and thus being the means of bringing about an amendment of the generic characters of one of the four genera, constituting the group of Homalopsidee, having no nasal appendage and more than five upper labials. The generic characters of Ferania, as now amended, will shortly stand as under :-

Snout without appendage; more than five upper labials; two anterior frontals; scales in 27-31 series.

One species, F. Sieboldi, (Schbg.,) characters as described in Gunther's Reptiles of British India, p. 284; scales in 27-31 sories. J. A. M.

LIST OF BUTTERFLIES RECEIVED FROM MAJOR YERBURY, CAMPBELLPUR, PUNJAB.

- 5 Hipparchia parisatis 2 Aulocera swaha. 1 A. saraswati. 2 Amecera schakra, 1 Callerebia daksha. 2 Ypthima asterope.
- 2 Y. bolanica. 2 Y. nareda. 1 Danais limniace.
- 1 Vanessa cashmiriensis.
- 2 Junonia asterie. 1 J. orithyia.
- 1 Argynnis niphe. 1 A. lathonia.
- M. Robertsii. 4
- 2 Libythea lepita. 2 Dodona durga.
- 1 Papilio erithonius. 1
- Belenois mesentina. 2 Gonypterix nipalensis.
- 5 Colias Fieldii.

- 2 C. sareptensis.
- 3 Euchloe lucilla.
- 2 Mancipium canidium.
- M. nipalensis. 3
- Catopsilia pyranthe. 2
- Teracolus faustus. 2
- 1 T. fimbricata.
- 5 T. protracta.
- T. etrida. 1
- 2 Deudorix epijarbas.
- 1 Baspa nissa.
- 6 Spindasis acamas.
- 3 Catochrysops enejus.
- Tarucus nara. 1
- 1 Lycæna putli.
- Zizera maha.
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- 2 Z. trochilus.
- 1 Chrysophanus phlæas.
- 1 Hesperia evanidus.
- Gegenes karsana.